EXECUTIVE MESSAGE—VETO ON SENATE BILL NO. 159.

Governor's Office, Austin, Texas, March 19, 1913.

To the State Senate:

The caption of Senate bill No. 159 reads as follows:

"An Act to amend Section 116 of Chapter 96, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, being an act entitled 'An Act to amend Sections 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120 and 121 of Chapter 124 of the Acts of the Twenty-ninth Legislature, and Sections 122, 123 and 124 of Chapter 124 of the Acts of the Twenty-ninth Legisla-ture, as amended by Chapter 7 of the Second Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature; and repealing Sections 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 125 and 126 of Chapter 124 of the Acts of the Twentyninth Legislature, and Chapters 68 and 149 of the Acts of the Thirtieth Legislature, relating to teachers' certificates, and declaring an emergency,' so as to permit the issuance of State first-grade certificates to persons who have done certain required work in the junior colleges of Texas."

It is not believed that this bill will improve the standard of the teachers in this State. Legislation which does not improve upon that which is in existence, I do not believe to be necessary, and for this reason I am returning Senate bill No. 159 to the Senate without my approval.

Respectfully submitted,
O. B. COLQUITT,
Governor of Texas.